

MARIAN RESIDENCE
1104 Toluca Avenue
Alliance, Nebraska

Dear Sisters, Associates, Relatives and Friends,

Sister Coronata Manion, 95, died Wednesday, June 25, 2008, at Marian Residence, Alliance, Nebraska.

Sister Coronata was born May 4, 1913, in a sod house three miles north of Hemingford, Nebraska, the first of 10 children of Will and Mae (Peters) Manion. She was named Mary Frances.

In 1931 she graduated from St. Agnes Academy, Alliance, Nebraska, and taught for a year in a Sheridan County rural school. In the fall of 1932 she went to Stella Niagara, New York, to enter the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity. She was received on August 17, 1933 and professed on August 14, 1934.

After teaching at Columbus, Ohio, she went to Holy Rosary Mission, Pine Ridge, South Dakota to teach in the elementary school. In 1944 she began training to be a laboratory technician and worked in hospitals in Minot, North Dakota, Scottsbluff and Alliance, Nebraska. She served as the Administrator at St. Anthony's Hospital, O'Neill, Nebraska for one year.

She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from St. Mary's College at Xavier, Kansas in 1968, and a Master of Arts degree from St. Thomas College, St. Paul, Minnesota in 1967.

She began teaching in the high school at St. Francis Mission, St. Francis, South Dakota in 1964 and continued there until she retired in 1980, when she moved to Marian Residence. She cared for the gardens and lawn until declining health made it impossible for her to do so. It was during her retirement that she wrote a history of St. Agnes Academy.

She is survived by a brother, Maurice, and three sisters, Dorothy Kunzman, Eleanor Manion and Donna Goldstedt as well as numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Father James Heithoff at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 28, at Marian Residence. She was buried in Calvary Cemetery, Alliance, Nebraska.

Sisters at Marian Residence